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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Akemitsu IIDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/560,980

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For: GAS PROCESSING METHOD AND GAS PROCESSING APPARATUS UTILIZING  
OXIDATION CATALYST AND LOW-TEMPERATURE PLASMA

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. The six (6) listed Japanese patent application documents were cited in the Written Opinion of the International Search Authority (copy attached) for counterpart Application No. PCT/JP2004/004521, and the listed non-patent article was discussed at page 2 of the specification.

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the Written Opinion from the International Searching Authority from WIPO citing the six (6) Japanese patent documents.

It is noted that the documents cited in the Written Opinion were previously cited in the International Search Report filed with the Information Disclosure Statement of December 16, 2005, and thus the Japanese language documents with English language Abstracts thereof are not being submitted again.

However, in further compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith partial English translations of each of the six (6) Japanese Patent document.

Still further in compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

1. The submission of an English language abstract (see page 71) of Y. MEADA, "*OUTLINE AND PERFORMANCE OF PLASMA DEODORIZER*", Takuma Giho, Vol. 5, No. 1, pages 66 - 71, 1997 also constitutes a concise statement of relevance of Y. MEADA, "*OUTLINE AND PERFORMANCE OF PLASMA DEODORIZER*", Takuma Giho, Vol. 5, No. 1, pages 66 - 71, 1997.

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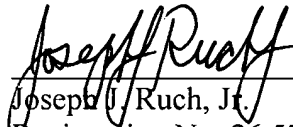
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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		JP	2002-336653		11-26-2002	Daikin Industry Ltd.	Partial
		JP	2001-179040		07-03-2001	Matsushita Electric Works Ltd.	Partial
		JP	08-266854		10-15-1996	Matsushita Electric Works Ltd.	Partial
		JP	2001-159309		06-12-2001	Toyota Central Res. & Deve. Lab. Inc.	Partial
		JP	05-309231		11-22-1993	Mitsubishi Heavy Ind. Ltd.	Partial
		JP	06-91138		04-05-1994	Mitsui Eng. & Shipbuild Co. Ltd.	Partial

### NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation <sup>6</sup>
		Y. MAEDA, "OUTLINE AND PERFORMANCE OF PLASMA DEODORIZER", Takuma Giho, Vol. 5, No. 1, pages 66 - 71, 1997	Abstract

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